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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to propose finalization of the agreed settlement deal with Microsoft and the government. I don't think a company should be held down in its attempt to prosper, and this lawsuit has over-stepped any reasonable bounds of dealing with the free market.

The settlement proposed offers several steps to allow more competition. Microsoft will not require computer companies to use Microsoft software, and will allow competitors unheard-of access to Microsoft's proprietary technologies. This deal should be appear quite accommodating to the company's opponents, as it will be monitored regularly by industry experts. Meanwhile, I'm sure that a break-up would not offer such favorable cooperation and results for those groups.

Please move forward with this settlement and allow the PC industry to be stable and successful in the coming years ahead. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Helga Gardetto